bourers and their families engaged in the licensed sector.

(c) Does not arise.

Food testing laboratories

1532. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that food testing laboratories spread all over the country are ill-equipped and manned by unqualified staff; if so, the reasons thereof; and

(b) the number of such laboratories at present and the remedial steps being taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Privatisation of Indian Petro-chemicals Ltd.

1533. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Economic Times' of the 19th January, 1991 regarding proposed partial privatisation of Indian Petro-chemicals Limited; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) what are the reasons for the partial privatisation of IPCL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Government have seen the news item in question. No decision has been taken on any privatisation of IPCL.

(b) Does not arise.

AIR station at Asansol

1534. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a representation dated 16th February, 1991 from Chamber of Commerce, Durgapur for the installation of a full-fledged station of All India Radio as Asansol;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir. The Durgapur Chamber of Commerce has sent a representation for setting up of Radio Station at Durgapur.

(b) A decision has already been taken by the Government to locate the radio station at Durgapur.

(c) Asansol-Durgapur Development Authority has been approached to allot a suitable piece of land to All India Radio for the proposed station.

Telecast of the serial 'Home Sapiens'

1535. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that financial sanction was accorded for the production of TV serial titled HOMO SAPIENS in Hindi consisting of six episodes;

(b) whether the first episode of the serial was submitted to the Doordarshan on 24th January, 1991 and the second on 2nd February, 1991;

(c) whether it is also a fact that necessary editing, cuts etc. were incorporated by the producer as demanded by the Doordarshan;